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From

Prakrtana vimarsaka Vagdhishta,

Rao Bahadur P. [illegible],

Director of Archaeology.

To

T.F. Jayaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Huzrai Superintendent [illegible]

BANGALORE.

Sir,

In enclosing herein a copy of the [illegible] forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner, [illegible], in regard to the Sri Venkat ramanaswami Temple, at [illegible], I have the honour to suggest that the [illegible] may be requested to consult this Department before [illegible] with the work.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. Narasimhachar

Director of

Archaeology in Mysore.

Revd.

Mus 2 668-18 is sent for reference. As the work has not been entrusted to the P.W.D. a letter to the Commr seems enough. Draft sent.

9/3/22 Undersigned 11/3/22.

Fair draft Submd

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Acknowledged. Action as proposed. Keep no note of the matter will be perused in the office of repairs & ring up when [illegible] is received.

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of Archaeological Research.

THE·MYSORE·ARCHAEOLOGICAL·OFFICE

Venkataramana Swami Temple
AT
ALAMGIRI

3rd March 1921.

B Venkoba Rao

CONSERVATION NOTES ON THE SRI VENKATARAMANASWAMI TEMPLE AT ALANGIRI, CHINTAMANI TALUK.

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The temple was visited on the 23rd December last.

It is a good specimen of Dravidian architecture of the 17th century. The Gopura especially is very elegant in outline and pleasing in proportion.

+ vide copy of plate enclosed

The temple is in a good state of preservation. The Gopura however, has cracked in places but is intact and can stand as it is for some more years provided it is not disturbed in any way. A portion of the compound wall on the north is out of plumb. A few plants are growing on the walls and grass has been allowed to grow on the top of the temple here and there.

It is stated that an estimate was sanctioned in 1920 but the work seems to have been begun quite recently. The work so far done consists in putting buttresses against the walls that have leaned to a side. These outtresses are an ugly feature and should not have been built. In all archaeological buildings these unsightly buttresses should be avoided as a rule and in case there is absolute necessity such as cases where the walls, on account of super-incumbent structure, cannot be pulled down without endangering the safety of the structure itself, flying buttresses may be constructed as they do not conceal the walls. But in places where a wall is independent of the rest of the structure, as in the present case, the only method that can usefully be adopted is, if possible, to pull down the wall after duly numbering the stones and reconstruct it with the same material. Well-dressed stone props may also be used at times to strengthen walls.

Information regarding the amount of the estimate now sanctioned and the items included therein is not yet received from the Deputy Commissioner who was requested to furnish the details in this Office letter No.145/333 dated the 11th November 1941. The Amildar, however, informed me that one of the items sanctioned is the formation of windows to provide light into the interior of the temple. This again is another item which requires careful consideration. In the case of this temple whose walls are covered with inscriptions the only way that can be thought of allowing light inside is by constructing clerestory windows.

For these reasons it is very desirable to obtain details and particulars before any further action is taken in the matter.

Clearing of vegetation has not been properly attended to. The sweeper's work does not seem to be quite satisfactory. White-washing on stone surfaces should be stopped. Mere cleaning with hot water and native soap should be done instead. The oily touch now felt on the carvings and on pillars in the Navaranga should be removed by washing.

It was reported that some devotee has undertaken to get the gopura repaired and whitewashed. Neither of these should be permitted. The gopura is a good specimen of the Vijayanagar work and must be allowed to stand as it is unspoilt by any degenerate workmanship.

The only portion where whitewashing and repairing work can be justified, may seems necessary, is on the walls of the Kalyana Mantapa situated just behind the main entrance. A wall on the north side of the mandap is also necessary and may be got done by devotees if possible. Other minor repairs such as setting in order the Pakasale, the old Store room and the Alwar Sannidhi, may also be done. The top of the main shrine and also that of the Ammanavara shrine including the towers may be repaired and whitewashed if desired.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Kolar District.

Sir, In continuation of G.O. no. 719-20/Mug 668-18-2 dated the 24th Aug: 1920, sanctioning an estimate for Rs. 575/- for the repairs of the Sri Venkatramana Swami temple at Alampur in the Chintamani Taluk, I am directed to forward herewith for necessary action

over.

Recd 16-3.

Copies of letter no. 239/47c
dated 9.3.22 received from
the Director of Archaeological
Researches in Mysore and
~~its enclosures~~.

It is requested that the
repairs sanctioned in the
G.O. quoted above ~~be not~~ are
executed ~~without consulting~~
the Director of Arch. Researches ~~in~~ before kindly

A report of action
taken in the matter may
kindly be made

I have seen

11/3/22

Secy to Govt. Mag. Depts

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List of enclosures.

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